



# Loudoun News

## Report from Scott K. York

Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

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### Message from Chairman Scott K. York



Dear Friends:

The feedback from the focus groups on the zoning ordinance has been very positive and productive. I am grateful to our citizen volunteers who are taking their time to help us understand their concerns in our efforts to adopt a zoning ordinance that reflects to the best of our ability the goals and principles contained in the Comprehensive Plan.

Route 28 improvements are getting one step closer with the approval of the tentative financing agreement. More to come over the next several weeks.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts and suggestions.

Scott K. York  
Chairman

### Route 28 Agreement Approved

By a vote of 8 to 1 the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors passed the tentative financing agreement reached between Loudoun County, Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding Route 28.



Additional items must come before the Board of Supervisors to finalize this agreement and it also must be approved by Fairfax County and VDOT as well. If all goes according to plan, the financing could be in place by September 1. I will continue to keep you updated on the status of this important matter.

### Household Hazardous Waste Program

The Office of Solid Waste Management will be conducting the collection of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) on Saturday, May 18, from 9AM to 3PM at the Loudoun Valley High School in Purcellville.

HHW that will be accepted include paints, paint thinners and solvents, corrosives, insecticides/herbicides/pesticides, unwanted fuels, photographic chemicals or hobby chemicals, oxidizers such as bleach and pool chemicals, and household batteries. Bring your HHW in clearly labeled, leak-proof, airtight containers.

When you arrive at the collection site, county volunteers or staff will greet you and ask a few survey questions. You will then be directed to an unloading area where the county contractor will remove the HHW from your vehicle. Please remain in your vehicle and observe the NO SMOKING rule in the collection area.

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## Survey Says....



The County for the past several years undertakes a scientific survey of residents to update demographic information and obtain opinions about key issues. Similar surveys were conducted in 1995, 1997 and 1999 affording the opportunity to analyze changes over time.

### Opinions on Key Issues

- 98% felt safe in their neighborhoods
- 80% believed Loudoun County provides good value for the tax dollar
- 93% rated Loudoun's quality of life as good or excellent
- 67% identified Loudoun's single biggest problem as growth and development
- 33% of households surveyed felt that the single best thing about Loudoun was its rural character and countryside
- The second leading issue identified as Loudoun County's biggest problem was traffic/transportation. Over 17% of the households identified traffic/transportation as the central issue.
- 79% felt that the pace of residential development was too fast
- Over 84% supported efforts by the Board of Supervisors to manage growth in Loudoun County
- 72% strongly supported the initiative to require developers to pay more of the capital costs (such as schools, roads, parks and other public facilities) that are associated with the new developments
- Nearly 81% of respondents gave support to the purchase of development rights by the county from landowners on a voluntary basis to preserve open space
- Over 76% of the respondents gave to support to the initiative of reducing the land area available for residential development or the number of homes that are allowed per acre
- Nearly 67% of the respondents were supported of the initiative to require clustering of buildings to preserve open space

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## Parks and Recreation Job Fair for Summer Employment - May 15



The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) will hold a Summer Employment Job Fair on Wednesday, May 15, 2002 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on the 4th floor of the County Government Center. PRCS will be conducting on-site interviews for Summer Day Camp Programs and Swimming Pools. For more information, call the 24-Hour Jobline at 703-777-0536.